

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-16, and 18-19 were pending. Claims 1 and 3-8 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 10, 12-13, and 16 have been amended without introducing any new matter. New claims 20-22 have been added without introducing any new matter. Claims 10-13, 15-16, and 18-22 remain pending.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to claims 13 and 16 because of mis-spelling of “plurality.” Accordingly, Applicant has made non-narrowing amendments to correct the spelling. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 10 and 12 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 10 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claim 20 has been added to include all of the limitations of the previously filed claim 12 and its base claim. Claim 12 is currently amended to depend from claim 10. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 12 as amended and new claim 20 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 10, 12, and 20 is earnestly solicited.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 13, 15-16, and 18-19 would be allowable if the minor informality noted above is removed. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 13 and 16 have removed the minor informality. Allowance of claims 13, 15-16, and 18-19 is earnestly solicited.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,679 of Koh et al. (“Koh”). Claims 1, 3-6, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice, thus obviating the rejection. Claim 11 as amended depends from claim 10, which is now allowable for the reason discussed above. Thus, claim 11 as amended is also allowable for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 10. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection on claim 11.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koh as cited above. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice, thus obviating the rejection.

New Claims

New claims 20-22 have been added without introducing any new matter. For the reason discussed above, claim 20 is in condition for allowance. Claims 21 and 22 depend

from the now allowable claims 20 and 12, respectively. Thus, claims 21 and 22 are also allowable for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claims 20 and 12. Allowance of new claims 20-22 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the objections and rejections have been overcome by the remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

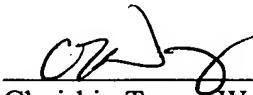
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. If any other petition is necessary for consideration of this paper, it is hereby so petitioned.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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